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### Air Tiger Express Opens Office in Rickenbacker Area

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[Air Tiger Express Companies, Inc.](#) (ATEC), a leading provider of global transportation and supply chain management services, has opened a new office in the Rickenbacker Inland Port. The new office is part of the company's strategy to penetrate the untapped Midwest market and capture further market shares in the U.S.



"The goal of the new branch is to develop the regional sales organization in key U.S. areas throughout the country," explains David Xiao, President and Chief Operating Officer of ATEC, the Holding Company of Air Tiger Express (USA), Inc. "The Rickenbacker office will be a full functioning station like any of the ATEC offices around the country. It will strengthen our existing client relationships and expand our service area deep into the Midwest region."

ATEC was attracted to Rickenbacker Inland Port because of its reputation in the Ohio Valley as a major gateway for international air freight, especially from the Pacific Rim.

"We are excited to expand ATEC's services in the Midwest region," continued Xiao. "The Ohio Valley is certainly one of the major import and export markets, and there is great potential for ATEC to grow. We look forward to developing new partnerships with our client base, and providing them full supply chain services."

ATEC's Rickenbacker office will be led by Vice President and Station Manager [Beth Rannebarger](#). Feel free to contact the office at 482-8888.

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### Col. Mark Stephens Command of 121st Air Refueling Wing

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Maj. Gen. Harry "A.J." W. Feucht, Jr. (right), the Assistant Adjutant General for Air and Commander of the Ohio Air National Guard, gives command of the 121st Air Refueling Wing to Col. Mark Stephens. (Photo taken by U.S. Air Force Senior Master Sgt. Kim Frey)

Col. Mark L. Stephens is the new commander of the 121st Air Refueling Wing succeeding Brig. Gen. Thomas Botchie, who recently retired from the military. As the Wing Commander, Colonel Stephens is responsible to the Ohio Assistant Adjutant General for Air to ensure the 121st Air Refueling Wing's 1,400 Airmen are ready to deploy in support of national defense and homeland security missions.

"I am proud and honored to have been selected as the commander of the 121st Air Refueling Wing and look forward to working with the Airmen, other branches of the military and community partners at Rickenbacker," said Colonel Stephens. "I'm pleased to be stationed at the Rickenbacker Air National Guard Base."

Col. Stephens was previously the commander of the 179th Airlift Wing in Mansfield, Ohio, before becoming the 12th commander in the history of the 121st Air Refueling Wing. He enlisted in the Ohio Air National Guard in June 1980.

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## Hyperlogistics Group Receives Logistics Industry Certification

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[Hyperlogistics Group](#), a Central Ohio logistics and transportation provider in the Rickenbacker Inland Port, has been approved and selected as a Certified Customs-Trade Partnership Against Terrorism (C-TPAT) documented partner.

"By successfully completing a rigorous litany of qualifications, we have committed ourselves to making a vital contribution to helping the United States of America secure its borders and ensure the continued free flow of international trade," said Seattle "Sam" Layland, President of Hyperlogistics Group. "It took several months to pre-qualify and then ultimately submit to the scrutiny of the OFO-Industry Partnership division of the United States government and we are very pleased to have the opportunity to present our newly awarded certification to our current and future customers."

Hyperlogistics Group, established in 1973, is a full-service third-party logistics and transportation provider and Foreign-Trade Zone operator with national headquarters in Rickenbacker Inland Port, adjacent to the intermodal terminal. The company provides highly-monitored and measured services to a broad range of industries, from automotive and light industrial to food and medical items.



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## Rickenbacker Area Job Fair a Success

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The area's annual job fair was held in August at the Rickenbacker International Airport's charter terminal. Over 40 employers participated and had the opportunity to meet with over 600 job candidates.

"Many companies in the Rickenbacker area are looking for employees this time of year and we hope we were able to help the residents of Central Ohio connect with them," said Lynn Aspey, an organizer of the job fair and Director of Business Relations at the Jewish Family Services. "The economy has really affected the number of available jobs in our communities so it was nice to see the residents have a chance to connect with multiple employers and potentially find a job."

The job fair was organized and sponsored by the Adult Workforce Development of Eastland-Fairfield Career & Technical Schools, Columbus Regional Airport Authority, Jewish Family Services and WorkNet.



Lynn Aspey (right) from Jewish Family Services and JD Null from Gap Inc., Direct take time to catch up and discuss the positive outcome of this year's job fair held at Rickenbacker International Airport's charter terminal.

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## Seminar to Explain Benefits of Operating in a Foreign-Trade Zone

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The [Columbus Regional Airport Authority](#) (CRAA) will host a free seminar for businesses, economic development representatives and real estate professionals to learn about the benefits of operating in a [Foreign-Trade Zone](#) (FTZ). The seminar is scheduled for November 4 at the Northeast Conference Center in Columbus from 8 a.m. to noon.

"Many businesses do not fully understand what an FTZ is and what it can offer, which is why we organize the seminar annually," explained Kathy Mills, CRAA's Business Development Manager of International Trade. "If a company is importing and exporting goods, it may be able to save money and increase profits by operating in an FTZ and it could help the company compete globally by lowering the cost of doing business."

For additional information on attending the free seminar, contact Angie Atwood, CRAA's FTZ Marketing Coordinator, at 409-3622.

### About Foreign-Trade Zones

An FTZ is a site within the U.S. that is legally considered outside of Customs territory, so goods may be brought into the site duty-free and without formal customs entry. As Grantee of FTZ No. 138, CRAA has applied to be a part of the Alternative Site Framework (ASF). The new program reduces the application process and speeds up the approval of designation to as little as 30 days. In addition, CRAA's service area will be expanded to include 25 counties in the Central Ohio area.



## **Columbus Region Logistics Council to Host Industry Job Fair**

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The logistics industry makes up 13.8 percent of the non-public workforce in the Columbus region and continues to grow, bringing more and more jobs to the area. The Columbus Region Logistics Council, which is overseen by the Chamber of Commerce, will be hosting a logistics-centered job fair at Columbus State Community College's Center for Workforce Development on September 14 from 9 a.m. to noon.

The logistics industry covers a wide range of career opportunities spanning from entry level to mid management to leadership opportunities in the most needed positions, which include:

- Operations managers and supervisors
- Facilities and maintenance leadership
- Compliance coordinators
- Program managers
- Business developers
- Drivers and warehouse workers
- Office administrators and customer service
- Pricing
- Track and trace

For more information, contact [Jeff Brashares](#) at 361-7299.

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## **The 3rd Annual Ohio Global Summit and Governor's Excellence in Exporting Awards**

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Save the date for the 3rd Annual Ohio Global Summit and Governor's Excellence in Exporting Awards on September 22 at the Hyatt Regency Columbus. Registration and information are available [online](#). Contact the Global Markets Division at the Ohio Department of Development for more information at 466-5017.

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## **Southeast Franklin County Chamber of Commerce Annual Classic and Custom Car Show**

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Chrome, fins and pristine machines can be found at the Southeast Franklin County Chamber's classic car and truck show on September 19 from noon to 3 p.m. There will be food, family entertainment and music. Each year the annual car show draws about 100 vehicles.

The event is held in downtown Groveport on Main Street, between College and Front Streets. Vehicle registration is located in the Myers-Woodyard Funeral Home parking lot from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. and costs \$15. The first 100 registered receive a free T-shirt and dash plaque. Awards will be presented at 3 p.m. for pre-1979 and post-1979 vehicles.

For more information, contact the [Southeast Franklin County Chamber of Commerce](#) at 836-1138.